

REMARKS**A. The Election/Restriction Requirement**

The March 9, 2006 Office Action distinguishes the following two groups of claims in its election/restriction requirement:

- Group 1:** Claims 1-10: drawn to an AC adapter and methods therefor, classified in class 320, subclass 107;
- Group 2:** Claims 11-16: drawn to a program classified in class 700, subclass 89.

Furthermore, the Office Action has enumerated six possible species:

- Species 1:** Claims 1 and 6
- Species 2:** Claims 2, 4, and 7
- Species 3:** Claims 3, 5, and 8
- Species 4:** Claims 11 and 14
- Species 5:** Claims 12 and 15
- Species 6:** Claims 13 and 16.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election/restriction requirement. However, in order to be fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicant provisionally elects Group 1 and Species 1, which read on claims 1 and 6. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that Species 4, corresponding to claims 11 and 14 should be examined with Species 1. Claim 11 is a program for controlling an AC adaptor as claimed in claim 6, and claim 14 is a recording medium for claim 11.

. The election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse this species election requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner. The MPEP states “If the search and examination of an entire application can be made **without serious burden**, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.” See MPEP §803 (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that a search for the subject matter of the group set forth in the Office Action would pose no “serious burden” because in performing the search for one of them, the Examiner would likely find references for the other group, to the extent that any such references exist. For example, as noted above, claim 11 is a program for controlling an AC adaptor as claimed in claim 6, and claim 14 is a recording medium for claim 11. Thus, in searching for references for the AC adaptor recited in claim 6, the Examiner would likely encounter references directed to claim 11 (a program) and to a recording medium (claim 14), if such references exist. Thus, Applicants believe that there would be no serious burden on the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

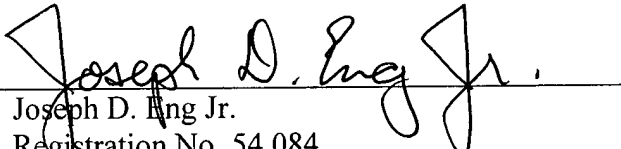
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